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Almost 2,800 second-degree civil cases were accepted in 1951, or 737 more than in 1950. The duration of the action in these cases was also unsatisfactory with many of the cases requiring more than 6 months to decide.

In 1950, 5,447 cases were decided by the Circuit Court, or 2,000 less than in 1951. All this was done by 30 judges and 44 administrative officials.

The work of the jurors (449 from Zagreb and 219 from the former Zagreb Oblast) was satisfactory. Jurors were called in 2,713 instances and their participation in resolving disputes was very helpful.

Three srez courts in Zagreb accepted 101,039 cases in 1951, and disposed of 96,911. There were 30,000 more cases in these courts than in 1950.

An especially large number of criminal cases were private suits for insults and slander. There were 12,000 trial actions in private suits, or twice as many as in 1950. Among civil cases there were a considerable number of divorce actions. Srez courts granted 1,231 divorces in 1951, most of them dissolving marriages which had lasted from 2 to 5 years, and marriages in which there was no issue. Many actions pertained to evictions and other housing matters. During its 1951 work, the court noted that housing commissions in individual rajons do not respect the decrees of srez courts in housing matters. For example, 80 decrees of the court were not enforced in the second rajon, 68 in the fourth rajon, 60 in the fifth rajon, and 57 in the third rajon.

In 1951, the number of judges in the srez courts of Zagreb increased from 31 to 38, as did the number of officials. However, a still greater number of judges are needed.

The Ministry of Justice plans to fuse the srez courts of Zagreb into a single srez court for more effective operation and to achieve considerable savings in administrative functioning.

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